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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTERS 295, 297, AND 318

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 295, Water Rights, Procedural, §295.302; Chapter 297, Water Rights, Substantive, §297.202; and Chapter 318, Marine Seawater Desalination, §318.9, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 2031 from the 84th Legislature, 2015, Regular Session, by designating appropriate discharge and diversion zones according to the Marine Seawater Desalination Diversion and Discharge Zone Study completed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the General Land Office.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on December 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 201S in Building E, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Andreea Vasile, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <https://www6.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2019-102-295-OW. The comment period closes January 6, 2020. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Kathy Alexander, Water Availability Division at (512) 239-0778.